

and finally

Anoraks Ireland have recently been experiencing a number of problems. We are pleased to report that these have been sorted out. On October 31st the following statement was issued.

"Dear Friends, We regret that Anoraks Ireland has been unable to reply to your many letters in the last four months as we have had serious problems with the continued operation of Anoraks Ireland.

'Certain people' who do not wish us well have endeavoured since August 1985 to silence Irelands one and only Free Radio Organisation. These people have attempted at various times to persuade, discredit and threaten the existence of Anoraks Ireland by personal visits, the use of a Po Box number purposely in our postal district area and their latest ploy was to report Anoraks Ireland to the income tax authorities in Dublin. The inspectorate have investigated Anoraks Ireland in depth and are satisfied that Anoraks Ireland is a non-profit organisation run by Radio enthusiasts promoting independent radio in Ireland.

We have resisted all threats from these people who claim a genuine interest in Irish Free Radio, but who are instead motivated by Self Greed and commercial profit.

We have received reports that a shortwave station using the call sign, W.M.R. have been telling listeners in recent weeks that letters sent to Irish stations using the 'Anoraks Ireland QTH are 'interfered with'. This allegation is completely untrue. All mail received here is date stamped on arrival and passed on to the station concerned.

ANORAKS IRELAND is BACK and HERE TO STAY. All who wrote to us in our absence will receive replies in the near future, merchandise ordered in that period will be despatched Free together with a full refund. ANORAKS IRELAND may not have 'the biggest selection' but we try harder to provide you with an accurate IRISH FREE RADIO service on a completely voluntary basis."

Paul Davidson,
Anoraks Ireland

As a result of the above WAVELENGTH contacted WMR and found out some interesting points.

Apparantly the only remarks made with regard to Anoraks Ireland were in a QSO with the Irish station Skull and Bones Radio system whom Jack Russell had known several years back. He asked if it would be alright to write to them at the 310 Collins Avenue address as he had heard of problems with the maildrop. The reply was that the address was alright. As a footnote Jack wrote to Skull and Bones but as yet has not received any reply.

Why does John Liver have a fit when anyone mentions 'Fort Jerch Rock'?

Serious rumours are currently circulating with regard to a certain Short wave operator and DJ. Without actually naming him... And finally can tell you that he has been involved in Free Radio for many years now. The rumours state that Mr. 'X' has had a sexual relationship with another man. Apparantly these rumours have been passed on second hand which makes them all the more confusing and no doubt distorted too. Mr. 'X' however is having serious thoughts about legal action as somebody is trying to discourage others from having to do with him on the grounds that he is giving Free Radio a bad name. Mr. 'X' is denying all the rumours emphatically.

Collectors of jingles will no doubt send away from time to time to the various jingle producers around the United Kingdom for their demonstration tapes. On them many of you will no doubt have found a number of Radio Caroline jingles which have failed to see the light of day anywhere else. A comment from one ex offshore D.J. 'perhaps Ronan didn't like them'.

STARBOARD SOUND had a surprise recently. Whilst testing out the transmitting equipment with an aerial strung across the sofa in Andy Walker's flat, a number of jingles were played, little realising that the programme was being heard!



The DTI on location in Liverpool.

Copy Late for the April edition is April 1st (Honest!)

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ANCHOR'S AWEIGH

FRIDAY JANUARY 31st, 1986:
m.v. ROSS REVENGE.

1000 approx.

MANTISH LIFEBOAT: Hello, Ross Revenge, Lifeboat

ROSS REVENGE: Yes, We copy you over.

LIFEBOAT: Hello, Ross Revenge, Lifeboat. Firstly we believe you have another anchor ready to put out once you get your position, over.

ROSS REVENGE: Yes, No problem we're just waiting to get to a more suitable position, over.

LIFEBOAT: Er, Roger. Is your navigational equipment working as yet? Is there any way you can give us a rough position? Over.

ROSS REVENGE: No, Negative at present, Over.

LIFEBOAT: Oh, Roger.

Conversation on the bridge between Ad Roberts and Micheal Barrington.

AD: Well Mike, Can you tell us what did you do when the Anhors Chain broke?

MIKE: Well Firstly the Drift Alarm went off which meant that we had strayed outside a pre-determined ring which we had programmed into the thing and that sounded. Well that's quite normal that's forever going off generally during the news! and (laughs slightly) and at that point I started to try and plot a course from the thing and we just seemed to be moving very slightly, just a few hundred metres and then occasionally going back to our original position but then eventually the figures just went haywire and we were moving quite fast.

AD: Well What action did you take? You're the engineer.

MIKE: My immediate reaction was to get everybody up and to inform everyone what was going on and quickly check what direction we were going in if we were going to hit the sandbank and to give me some idea as to how long I had got to start the main engine, er at that point I then legged it down to the main engine room and started warming up the main engine which is quite a job.

AD: What did the Captain say when you informed him?

MIKE: He just calmly sat there and plotted a course and told me to get my arse in gear and get the engine started.

Having weathered earlier storms the Ross Revenge had her first serious problem of the year when at approximately 3am the anchor chain snapped and the ship began to drift. On air DJ Gerry Davis noticed that the 558 transmitter had gone off.

The Ross Revenge put out an emergency call on a CB emergency channel after the Ship to Shore link was cut and the navigational equipment had failed. The signal was picked up by an Ipswich C'ber who was monitoring the channel at the time. He was asked to telephone a London Telephone number who would be able to arrange for a tug to tow the ship back out to sea.

The Ross had drifted for 9 miles in the Force 8 gale before the engines could be started. Walton on the Naze coastguards were informed at 3.15, and 35 minutes later were told that the ship was heading South West with both engines running.

Nevertheless the ship could still not be sure of her exact position and it was not until a passing coaster, The Sam Weaver reported the vessel in the North East Knock in the Thames Estuary. Within ten minutes of this the Sheerness Lifeboat was at the scene, and had confirmed that the Ross Revenge was safe. The danger for Caroline throughout the ordeal was that the Ross Pe-

WAVELENGTH

Just a short one this time as the news of Radio Caroline stretched over on a few more sides than I expected, I just hope that we have included everything.

Once again Caroline have to thank the RNLI for the excellent work which they perform, not only for themselves, but for many other people around the UK. Don't forget to drop in some silver next time you see one of their collection boxes.

Over the next few days I hope to have available a limited number of reprints of our earlier issues. Watch the 'weekly Report' for further details or write to me at Po Box 5.

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verge had drifted perilously close to British territorial waters, where the ship could have been arrested.

The Ross Revenge returned to her anchorage at 10.55 am.

Brief programming was heard on 558kHz that afternoon between 3.30 and 4.00 just before the hour Peter Phillips announced.

"Radio Caroline appologises for the loss of Transmissions today due to damaged sustained during severe weather conditions. Regular programmes will be resumed at the earliest possible opportunity this evenings numbers are 232, 239 and 240. To repeat those numbers 232, 239 and 240 for now from the entire crew of the Ross Revenge we wish you a very good evening".

The following day both frequencies were still silent until late evening, noted at 9.30 non stop music on 558 and a test tone on 963. The tone cut out approximately half an hour later, but the music continued until 11.20. The following day non stop music was once again noted on 558. At ten minutes to nine Fergie was heard announcing that everyone was alright, but were feeling a 'bit flaked out' following the previous two days adventures. Not so Monique. At 9am full programming reccomenced on 963. No religious programmes were aired on this day although Johann Maasbach was heard. 558 continued the non stop music throughout the day, but mid evening this was replaced by a test tone. Caroline reccomenced programming on 558. Monday February 3rd at 0600 with Kevin Turner, Peter Phillips at 1000 and David Andrews at 1400. The non stop music commenced at 1800 for three hours. No News Bulletins were broadcast on this day or during the remainder of the week. 963 again closed early. By Wednesday Andy Johnston was heard between 1800 and 2100 on 558. On Thursday a full schedule was in operation on 558, although 963 still had none of the American religious items, instead non-stop music was ariee in the evening through until 2100 when Caroline Overdrive returned with Fergie McNeil. Numbers were still announced from time to time.

ON February 7th the adventures began once more. At 1845, during Gerry Davis' programme on 558 Andy Johnston announced that the station was closing down for a short while and also gave out some numbers. When the station returned 2½ hours later it became clear that the ship had begun to drift once more. This time however the anchor had been lifted and the engines started sucessfully.

OFFSHORE

Gerry Davis was heard for the first time on January 26th for 4 hours from 1700. The poor fellow had a rather unfortunate incident when he forgot what his name was in a middle of a link. Gerry however is beginning to get things together and is turning into a competant presenter. Since his introduction he has presented the nighttime show on 558 and returned to 1700 on February 7th. Nigel Roberts returned on this day to present the 0100-0400 Overdrive slot on 963, whilst Fergie took over the 2100 Overdrive on Tom Anderson's departure.

Advertisements are once again on the increase with no less than three skiing resorts being featured, together with two record promotions, one for the new Aswad single. The religious programmes on 963 are also on the increase. The Wings of Healing programme was first noted February 9 at 7.00 on 963.

Radio Monique now features an International show on Sundays from 5.00 GMT.

RUMOURS AND OTHER THINGS.

The new Offshore project mentioned in our December issue has now been named as 'Stereos 551'. It is planned to use the American Kahn system to broadcast on AM in Stereo, one of the station's backers could very well be Kahn as the station will be marketing the special Kahn receivers so that the broadcasts could be heard in Stereo. Ex Offshore names Jessie Brandon and Blake Williams have both been connected with the project. The original idea was to have had the ship broadcasting to Scandinavia, but the plans were changed after Laser headed for Port. A narrative at the beginning of January stated that the station would be on the air in about three weeks, but so far nothing has been heard. A reported sighting off the Kent Coast turned out to be an Oil Tanker.

DTI OPERATION OVER. . .?

The Government surveyship, The Cardline Tracker was withdrawn from service on December 20th. The DTI has said that they now have enough information to work on and that there are no further plans to continue the operation. However National Newspaper reports in recent days have indicated that the DTI is planning a secret operation against Radio Caroline. These however have been denied by the Department.

Firemen were called to the m.v. Communicator when the two nightwatchmen on board reported a fire in the engine room. They were taken off by Harwich lifeboatmen. Firemen meanwhile from Harwich and Colchester came to the scene. However it was soon discovered to be nothing more than a faulty boiler.

Meanwhile the Communicator sits patiently in Harwich harbour waiting for a possible buyer. As yet, although some groups have come forward there is no single buyer, and there is the increasing likelihood of the ship being sold off piece by piece.

CAROLINE ON SHORT WAVE?

Last month we had reported that Caroline were making tests on the ShortWave 48 metre band on 6273. It would seem that the tests did not have the official backing of the Caroline organisation and they were ordered to stop. However a correspondent in Kent reports hearing Caroline during the night on a frequency around 6250 with Overdrive programmes. SINPO was 22212. The audio quality was clear indicating somebody on the Kent Coast or a relay direct from the Ross Revenge. At about 0320 programmes from the BBC World Service were noted, reception was too weak for an actual BBC transmission, any ideas?

ON THE BANDS SHORT WAVE

Conditions since early December have not been too good although most weeks have been listenable. It has been noticed that reception does improve as the mornings progress. Cornwall and Scotland by their sheer distance have once again been the best places to hear Short Wave Free Radio stations.

Addresses for this section are shown in brackets and listed at the end.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Although a long marathon broadcast was promised from them SPECTRUM WORLD BROADCASTING (1) were not noted too frequently over the Christmas holiday period. They were heard however on occasion at 2am on the 11478 channel, further reports of the transmissions would be appreciated. Earlier in the month of December Spectrum were heard on 6272 on the 8th.

FMTR- FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO (2) are fast gaining ground as a regular Short Wave broadcast station, having been heard on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Frequencies for the transmissions have varied around the 48 metre band. On December 8th they were heard on 6275, December 15th on 6300 and again the following week. No further broadcasts from FMTR were noted until December 29th on 6300 and subsequently on New Years Day using the same channel. January 18th saw FMTR on 6310, with the new channel of 6320 being used on the following day, where they have been noted each weekend since. As a result of storm damage to the aerial system the Saturday broadcast was missed on February 1st, but the station returned the following day.

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO were noted on 6295 at 1241 December 15th. The station was to be on the air with a series of broadcasts over the Christmas period. December 22 saw WMR noted on 6210 and 6295 and 6315. The real marathon began on Christmas Day with 6230, 6240, 6270, 6295 and 6310 all operational, with up to 3 transmitters running simultaneously. 6230, 6240 and 6270 were all noted in parallel at 0940. Radio Omega (3) were relayed by the station on 6230 and 6240 at 1104 and 1122 respectively. A Radio Rainbow (4) programme was broadcast on 6295 at 1041. What really made things though was the 'big transmitter' on 6310 with live programming from WMR themselves.

Boxing Day continued the celebrations and despite the festivities. Jack Russell and Huggy Bear were both on hand to continue the programming. 6230, 6240 and 6300 were in use with the latter handling the 'big tx'. The 6230 transmitter relayed programming from Radio Apollo(5&6) 100 watts were used for 6300 with telephone calls received from many of those people lucky enough to know the operators telephone number. A problem with the mixer however meant that any telephone calls had to be broadcast on the other channels. WMR were also noted on December 29th on 6230. More telephone calls were broadcast on the New Years Day transmission on 6230.

STARBOARD SOUND (3) broadcast a Marine Offences Act special on December 15th with extracts from the Offshore stations of the 1960s in a programme put together by Andy Walker on 6306kHz, this was followed by a mailbag programme. On February 2nd. The station was noted at 1015, again on 6306 until 12.35 when the station closed. The next broadcast due during March will feature a special on the Mi-Amigo with more rare recordings. Starboard also made an unsched-

uled appearance the previous week, details of which can be found in our ... and Finally section.

RADIO PAMELA(8) are now heard regularly via their own transmitters. Although on low power several reports have come in for the station. December 22 the station used 6299 and again on December 29. The more unusual frequency of 6611.5 was used on January 26th (Saturday) as well as 6240 where a CQ call was put out. Pamela are on regularly on Saturdays and Sundays. Another frequency planned for use is 6343. Station owner Steve Most is taking a short break from the presentation side to concentrate on the technical details. Please note the new address for the station. No further mail should be sent to the Delce Road address.

RADIO APOLLO(5&6) made a return broadcast on December 26th noted on 6230 via Weekend Music Radio and with their own facilities on 6307. Apollo were also heard December 29th with programmes on 6307 and later on with Steve Most of 6265. The operator of Apollo, Dave Scott is currently involved with Hospital Radio, but plans to continue Apollo with a view to being on the air six times during the coming year.

RADIO ATLATIS(5&6) were noted on 6270 with an announced parallel channel of 105FM + 1134kHz December 15th. However there was some difficulty with the FM channel.

BRI- BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL (3&9) broadcast their regular Boxing Day show on 6225. The programme was 1½ hours long and hosted by Roger Davis. The station was also on the air the following Sunday, December 29, again on 6225. The transmission on January 26th on 6230 featured the UK Top 50 from the preceding year. BRI continues on the fourth Sunday of each month, and fifth Sundays when they occur.

SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE(10) formally a medium wave station in the Midlands were relayed by RECC December 29th on 6240, noted at 0925.

RECC- RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL were heard regularly over Christmas with a broad-

-cast on Christmas Day itself on 6230. This live transmission unfortunately mutual interference was given between the station and Weekend Music Radio who were also using the same channel. The superb DX programme has continued into 1986 despite fears that it might cease. It was heard as part of the regular first Sunday broadcast on 6230. (5)

ATLANTA RADIO (5) made one of their excellent, yet infrequent broadcasts on December 29th. The programming featured an item on stations in New Zealand. The Atlanta Radio Story tape is still available from the mailing address at a price of £2. Cheques & Postal Orders should be left blank.

RADIO KRISTEL (11) The short wave sister station to South East Sounds made their traditional Bank Holiday Broadcast on December 26th with some story about Father Christmas being late with his present delivery on 6220. The next broadcast is planned for Easter Monday.

KLA RADIO (1) made a rare broadcast on December 29th on 6318, our logger Paul Watson in Guildford noted only a weak signal. The station was heard again on New Years Day.

RADIO NEMESIS (12) are a new station heard for the first time on January 12th. The previous Sunday however an unidentified station was heard on the Nemesis frequency of 6317, although we have no confirmation that it was them. Nemesis was also heard the following week on the same channel.

RADIO PENFOLD were noted on 6308 on New Year's Day in their first broadcast. The operator would appear to be the same as for Radio London UK who made some transmissions at the same time last year. Then he did some QSOs with other operators and claimed to have worked for Radio Floss and Radio Jackie in the past. An address announced in Aylesbury did not bring forth any response. Penfold announced no address.

RADIO PLUTO were noted with a CQ on 6295 New Year's Day.

IRELAND.

ABC WATERFORD (13) made a relay of their Medium Wave local service on December 15th with a frequency of 6200.

APOLLO RADIO

RADIO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL (4) appear to go to strength to strength each Sunday morning on 6240 with a powerful signal and modulation claimed at being up to 99%. From January 5th the station introduced the Free Radio Programme hosted by Kieran Murray, which the station offers to other stations for rebroadcasting if they so wish. The programme features archive recordings, listeners letters and a 'five minutes of Jingles' feature. Rainbow has also been re-laying programmes from the 'Four Freedom's World Service, (noted December 29th) and of Irish station Boyneside Radio, of which the operators are joint staff members. The Boyneside Radio Relay can be heard an hour before the main commencement of programmes at 1000. Rainbow currently has an output power of 400 watts. Medium wave and FM are planned

FALCON RADIO (14) as part of the INTERNATIONAL RADIO RELAY SERVICE, are heard regularly on December 15th, and 22nd on 6265, then on January 5th on 6200, where they put out a better signal. On this occasion the IRRS put out the programmes from the Four Freedoms World Service. January 12th the IRRS was heard with programmes from Radio 22(15) at 1030, Falcon Radio at 1056 and Four Freedoms World Service (16) at 1305. January 19th Radio 22, Falcon and Four Freedoms were once again all noted.

WESTSIDE RADIO continue on Short Wave as the most regularly heard broadcaster. 6280 is in use each Sunday morning. The station has recently relayed a number of stations. On January 12th, the French station RADIO LIBERTY SOUND. (17) at 1103. A relay of Radio Limit International is promised for February 9th (19) Westside are planning to test 6498.89 between 0200-0300 on February 23rd. (18).

RADIO IRELAND are on the air regularly on 6310 and are currently broadcasting extracts from the Radio Caroline Story. (20)

RADIO VALLERI (21) were heard December 15th on 6400 and again on January 5th.

RADIO SKYWAVE (22) continues as ever on 6260, although the utility statios here are a bit of a problem.

RIVERSIDE RADIO (23) made their first transmission of 1986 on February 2nd when they were heard on 6210.

THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

RADIO DELMARE (24) have been lying low recently owing to the fact that Army Helicopters have been circling around the antenna and Johann realises that this is no coincidence. There are influential people in Antwerp who both support him and others who clearly do not. The station was heard in December though, with a relay of FRS Holland (25) on December 15th using 6207, and on December 22nd relays of Radio CLG (26) and Radio Leadman (27). December 29

had the 10th anniversary programme from the Sound of Sweden (25). Delmare had announced the following schedule for Relays for 1986.

Saturdays.

1st: Radio Sound of Sweden.
2/3/4: Delmare Programmes.

Sundays:

1: Radio Scorpio/Radio Rastafari
2: Radio Tutenchamun/Radio Marabu/
Radio Private/ Radio Diamond.
3: FRS Holland.

4: CLG.

Additional relays for other stations would also be made.

PFBS (19) have been making regular broadcasts on a number of 48 metre band frequencies and can often be heard in QSO with other stations including Radio Pamela. On December 15th PFBS were heard on 6240 and 6295. On Christmas Day and Boxing Day the station was on 6240kHz and on December 29th on 6230. DJ Bill Kirkwood can be heard with regular programmes on PFBS and also promises a further broadcast from his own Radio Zeta International who made an appearance last year on 7423. A transmission of Secret Mountain Laboratory (28) at 0959 has been attributed to PFBS, however as the channel used was 6207 (commonly used by Delmare) this is uncertain.

RADIO WAVES (29) returned to the air on December 22nd on their old 48 metre channel of 6275, they were noted again on January 5 this time on 6225.

RADIO ARENA (30) were heard on Christmas Day using 6240. Noted at 0924 through to sign off at 1030.

RADIO MADISON also made a yuletide transmission. They were on 6317 from 0923.

RADIO LIBERTY SOUND (17) were on the air December 26th on 7320. We are unsure as to who broadcast this particular programme.

RADIO RIDICULOUS were heard February 2nd at 1125 on 7315kHz. (31).

RADIO TORENVALK (30) The popular Dutch medium wave station made it on to Short Wave February 2nd with a broadcast on 6240. The station was just noted briefly at 0930 before the commencement of Radio at 1002.

Addresses

When writing to stations please remember that most of them are run on a strictly non-profit making basis. Therefore enclose return postage.

1. BM Broadcasting, London, WC1N 3XX.
2. Po Box SH9, Sheerness, Kent, England . ME12 1AO.

3. 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England, SP1 3NG.

4. 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland.

5. Po Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk, England, PE36 5AU.

6. Po Box 750925, D-2820, Bremen, West Germany.

7. 42 Arran Close, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, England.

8. 3 Rosewarne Cottages, Rosewarne Downs, Camborne Cornwall, TR14 0BE.

9. Po Box 19074, 3510 DB, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

10. 190 Monument Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham, England, B16 8UJ.

11. 58 Aldesbrook Road, London, England.

12. Po Box 109, Sheffield, England.

13. 4 Arundel Square, Waterford, Ireland.

14. Po Box 1686, Dublin 1, Ireland.

15. Po Box 725, Arnhem, The Netherlands.

16. Po Box 255, Venus, Texas, 76084, USA.

17. J.L.V. 2 Rue du Vieux- Moulin, 62630 Etaples, France.

18. 310 Collins Avenue West, Dublin 9 Ireland,

20. 442 Hartstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, Ireland.

21. 144 Grange Abbey Drive, Dublin 13, Ireland.

22. Po Box 1686, Dublin 1, Ireland.

23. Po Box 39, Waterford, Ireland.

24. Postbus 36, B-2050, Antwerp, Belgium.

25. Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.

26. c/o Wilfred Meyer, Po Box 540101, Duisberg, 11, West Germany. +
+ Do not put the station name on the envelope.

27. Po Box 110, Johnson City, NY 13790, USA.

28. Po Box 5074, Hilo, 96720. USA.

29. Postbox 130, 92504, Rueil Malmaison, Cedex, France.

30. Po Box 470, 7010 AA, Gaanderen, The Netherlands.

31. Po Box 1019, 2200 BA, Noordwijk, The Netherlands.

UNIDENTIFIEDS.

Just the one this month for January 26 on 6240 at 1334, with Free Radio's Latest Anthem 'I spy for the D.T.I.'

MEDIUM +FM

LONDON AND THE SOUTH EAST.

LONDON GREEK RADIO is pushing its signal well into the provinces around 105.

LONDON WEEKEND RADIO is now using 92.2

LONDON INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING NETWORK is the umbrella name for a group of stations using the same transmitter on 88.6. Amongst the stations are K-JAZZ who have been missing from the air for several weeks. RADIO ACTIVITY changed their name first of all to STARBOARD RADIO, then to STARPOINT FM with a Top 40 and Oldies format. There is the possibility of other stations being involved in the operation. Starpoint involves John Dawson, previously behind LWR. The station has now begun to carry commercials, and continues through the weekend as a 24 hour operation.

KISS FM is still on 94.0MHz although they were missing from the airwaves at the end of December.

RADIO PHOENIX uses 91.9 MHz at the weekends.

RADIO FAME is a new station playing Soul, etc. . . The format sounds very similar to Horizon Radio, advertisements aired on the station were previously heard on Horizon. Fame can be heard on 94.5

Another soul station on the air is RADIO INFINITY on 94.2

SINA RADIO are still on the air using 90.7

RADIO TKO, along with LWR were missing from the air over Christmas. TKO - the initials stand for the Boxing term Technical Knock Out. They broadcast on 102.4 with non stop music mixed with their Bill Mitch -ell jingles and various advertisements.

TWILIGHT RADIO were logged on Christmas Day 94FM with their Soul format for just

a few hours the station however has not been heard since.

ALICE'S RESTAURANT were on the air 24 hours over the Christmas holiday period. They are regularly heard over weekends on 93 mHz with their diet of heavy rock..

RADIO FREE LONDON were on Christmas eve -ning playing Rock Music. On Boxing Day the name was changed in an attempt to wind up another station to BERT'S HOT DOG STAND 92.8 Sadly the language was a little less than desireable so our correspondent tuned away.

SOUTH EAST SOUNDS made Free Radio history recently when Ray Addams was fined a maximum £1000, the first time ever any land based operator has been fined the full amount. Ray is of course planning to appeal against the decision. On December 21st with just 10 minutes to go before the end of the broadcast the transmitter blew up.

RADIO EXPANSION is a new station on the air from the North of the capital on 105.15 Broadcasting hours are Fridays and Saturdays Midnight until 5am with a format of slow contemporary rock. DJs include Steve Wally A telephone number of 01-346-6267 and 01-540-2112 is regularly announced for listeners' dedications which are broadcast about ten minutes after the call is made.

Addresses:

London Weekend Radio, 37b New Cavendish Street, London W1.
K-Jazz, 1-2 The Piazza, London, WC2
Radio Activity, 189 Stockwell Road, London, SW9.
TKO 58 Victoria Way, Charlton, London SE7
Radio Expansion 91 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9EN.

KENT

RADIO MAIDSTONE are currently making test transmissions. The station was noted at 2am on December 28th with female DJ Candy Lewis on 94.2

RADIO PAMELA continue to make local transmissions in addition to their Short Wave Service on 1611 kHz.

MERSEYSIDE AND THE NORTH WEST.

During the Christmas period a number of FM stations appeared from the Merseyside area. However none of them have remained on the air. Rumours are abound that Storeton Community Radio are planning to return with a 7 day week operation.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES continue as ever despite raids on the station. The recent Court case resulted in a total of £250. in fines together with the loss of much equipment.

RADIO COMODORE are still on the air although reception is now hampered by the drifting transmissions of Mersey FM. Comodore can just about be made out beneath Mersey when the transmitter drifts lower than 103.

There is no love between MERSEY FM and Comodore as Mersey's DJs have gone to the extent of reading out the real names and addresses of the Comodore staff. No doubt saving the DTI a lot of time and effort. The Mersey FM transmitter baries through the broadcast from 102.8 - 104

CENTRAL RADIO INTERNATIONAL are now back on the air regularly using 1404, but this is expected to change soon to 1386. CONCEPT RADIO, now complete with their own Sonovox jingles are regular on 104 mHz with the programming of Central during the day and their own shows through the evening from 1800.

An unnamed FM station has been heard in the area recently on a frequency just above 104.7

RNI 104 was heard briefly in early January in Stereo for just 10 minutes. It is thought that the transmissions were coming from the Pier Head region, possibly the Wirral.

RADIO VERONICA on low power from South Liverpool have received reports from Cheshire, and in the north up to 15 miles away. Some Friday broadcasts have recently been missed but the station continues on 104.7

RADIO RADAR have been on the air from Leeds on 104.2

Addresses:

Radio Merseywaves, 9 Meadowfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, L46 7UW.
Central Radio/Concept Radio, 18 Glynn Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

READING

UPTOWN RADIO in fact comes from Reading - a town not previously noted for its Pirate activity in the past. No address yet known for this station which uses 102.5

BIRMINGHAM.

PCRL - PEOPLES COMMUNITY RADIO LINE is being well heard over the West Midlands on 103.7. On January 20, 1986 The Guardian Newspaper featured the station which was to have faced a court hearing the following day. Cecil Morris, on air Name Music Master faces the charges. The newspaper reported that each time the station is raided PCRL manages to get back on the air in days following local fund raising events. The station has the apparent support of MR James Hunte chairman of the West Midlands race and equal opportunities committee, who says that the station has an 85% listenership amongst the young Black community.

Ireland

RADIO NOVA tested on longwave 254kHz during January. The tests were halted twice. The first time after complaints from the Irish Government, and the second after Chris Cary decided not to continue with the project. Power at 15 watts covered the North of England nicely, however reception in the South East of England was difficult. RTE have plans to introduce an international service on the same frequency next year.

BREFFNI RADIO now use 1161. A second harmonic has been heard on 2322kHz.

RADIO NORTH WEST from Buncrana, Donegal is using 1296 and can be heard when the BBC sign off.

LAOIS COMMUNITY RADIO now uses 1242kHz

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Results

Congratulations to all of you who entered our December Issue quiz. The most observant of you will have noticed that all the answers have been given in Wavelength over the past year. The answers are as follows;

1. Flying Dutchman, the Short Wave station from early 1985.
2. Alton Andrews, changed his name to Mark Summers on his second and last stint on Radio Caroline.
3. Fever Pitch, was one of Charlie Wolf's favourite eccentricities.
4. Magic 103, was the station in Dublin which Chris Cary ran for a mere eight weeks.
5. Top Deck, was a holiday company, who in their radio Caroline advertisement had their skiing trips described as 'Almost Breaking a leg for'.
6. Solar, were South Of London Radio.
7. Free Radio Waves, relaunched in 1985
8. Gerard Roe was one of the presenters of the FRC Programme.
9. Restaurant, Alice's and Pano's Greek, although customers were only served in the latter!
10. Rutland, has been selected for Community Radio after having Rutland Weekend Television during the 70s.
11. Apollo, the short wave station who share the name of an American Space Programme.
12. Rainbow, are the Short Wave station who add colour to Sunday on 6240.
13. John England's pet ship is the Four Freedoms, the planned home of WRRL.

The Underlined letters spell out the name of former Laser DJ David Lee Stone, now working on Radio Luxembourg. You may have spotted that it was possible to answer the final question without getting the solution to the preliminary questions.

Our congratulations go to Stuart Allan of Greeland, Halifax, West Yorkshire who was the first person selected with the correct answer. His prize is a copy of 'terrahawks' - The Radio Monique theme tune.

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SURVEY

THE RESULTS:

i. Best Station, Short Wave.

1. F.R.S. Holland.
2. Atlanta Radio.
3. Radio Rainbow.
4. Britain Radio.
5. Radio Apollo.

ii. Best Station, Medium Wave + FM.

1. Radio Caroline.
2. Laser 558.
3. Radio Monique.
4. Radio Veronica. (Liverpool)
5. South East Sounds.

iii. Best Audio, Short Wave.

1. Radio Rainbow.
2. Atlanta Radio.
3. Radio East Coast Commercial.
4. Radio Delmare/FRS Holland.
5. Radio Apollo.

iv. Best Audio, Medium Wave.

1. Radio Monique/Caroline 963.
2. Radio Caroline.
3. Laser 558.

v. Best Audio, FM.

1. Solar Radio, London.

vi. Best QSL Card.

1. (Falcon Radio.
2. Radio Pamela.
3. Britain Radio.
4. Radio Big Brother.
5. (Radio Titanic.
6. (Radio East Coast Commercial.
7. Starboard Sound.

vii. Best DJ.

1. Peter Verbruggen, FRS Holland.
2. Neil Fraser, Radio Veronica.
3. (Dave Scott, Radio Apollo.
4. (Adrian Cooke, Radio Pamela,
5. Starboard Sound.
6. Charlie Wolf, Laser 558.

viii. Best Magazine.

1. Monitor.
2. Radio Telex.
3. Weekly Report.
4. Free Radio Waves.
5. Pirate Info News. (PIN).

Many thanks to all of you who voted in our Poll. The reaction to the Survey '85 in general has been most favourable.

The results were calculated on a points system with 5 for a 1st placing, 4 for a 2nd and so forth. One station who managed a placing was the Liverpool station Radio Veronica who invited their listeners to write in to Wavelength to place their votes for them. I am sure that the station will be pleased with the response.

Five placings have been listed for each category where possible, but in sections such as best Audio, FM. only one station received enough votes for a placing.

We will be notifying the Top stations by post in the next few days.

Finally in Category viii we have excluded ourselves from the final result.

Publications THE PIRATES WHO WAIVE THE RULES

JAY JACKSON'S long awaited book promises the reader the Earth, and every page from the start renews that promise. However like the Page 3 girl that promise is only superficial.

Mr Jackson's many years in Offshore and Landbased radio should have provided him with a wealth of stories, and a mine of information. Yet so little showed up in his book.

No reader in his right mind would expect to be told that a firm in Great Yarmouth will supply offshore radio ships, and have the firms details printed. Its nice to know that rotary mixers are the best for Offshore use, yet why could there not have been some more Technical details, more facts on behind the scenes running of Offshore and land based stations without becoming a 'kiss and tell' book.

The High spot of the book is a letter from Vincent Monsey at Radio Sales International in New York to the Caroline staff, in October 1984 asking for a more commercial format. Its brilliant, why wasn't the rest of the book like it.

The avid collector of Offshore Radio goodies will buy it, the serious collector should give it some thought.

Still while Anoraks UK are running a special offer its cheaper than $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle of Vodka. Please Mr Jackson, read Bob Noakes' book, I'm sure you can do better.

Neil Frazer.

FREE RADIO RENDEZVOUS

One of a number of Free Radio Magazines and Information sheets to spring up in recent months The Free Radio Rendevous will appeal to those who wish to check their log books and find out just a little background. At first glance the list of Short Wave loggings resembles an English version of Radio Telex, with the neatly laid out list of frequencies, signals, times and languages, perhaps too similar, but to be fair there are few ways of varying loggings lists. News is detailed under each section of loggings which is an excellent way of keeping things simple. A nice Gossip section is also included together with a station spotlight.

With 4 sheets for just 35p TFRR represents remarkably good value, a few factual inaccuracies, but like this Editor nobody is 100 percent correct.

Adrian Cooke.

Letters

I thoroughly enjoyed reading issue No.7 and I'm pleased to know that the magazine has become very popular.

How about an article on the new Community radio stations, because they should be starting soon. I very much doubt that I'll be able to hear the VHF stations here in Whitstable, but perhaps I'll be able to hear the MW operators in London.

I suppose the stations will just be on the air for a few hours a day. I can't really see that there will be 24 hour music and all news stations, (as in the USA and Canada) can you?

I suppose that individual monopolies will develop and that "big business" will take over as has happened with 'ILR'.

Bradley Allen,
Whitstable, Kent.

Bradley also enquired about the Offshore projects we mentioned in Wavelength 7. However we have no more information at this moment, remember anything mentioned in our rumours column is just that. We will be covering the Community Radio stations in Wavelength to see how they develop, the continuation will depend on if they keep the classification of 'Free Radio'.

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I am a IX-listener and sometimes I tune to Free Radio frequencies and try to listen pirates. It is quite difficult because here is not any active pirates in Scandinavia nowadays.

In last two months I have heard only Radio Rainbow 6240KHz, Delmare 6206KHz, Radio Dublin, 6910KHz, Radio 101 7551KHz, and some unidentified on 6261KHz (Skywave) 6305, 7310 and 7315KHz. Also I have heard some Dutch MW stations like R. Orang Utan, R. Torenvalk, R. Heideroosje, R. Delta, Texas Cowboy, Night Ride, R. Armada, etc.

Risto Harjula,
Turku, Finland.

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 . . . the new issue was again full with very interesting informations, especially your Laser feature was excellent.

The only point I like to criticise is the last page. The print of the Laser-photo was absolutely too dark so that you cannot see much. In the whole the idea of printing photos is good, but a better quality is necessary. If you like to fill up your magazine why not print more QSLs, Stickers etc.

Jörg-Clemens Hoffmann,
Giessen, W.Germany.

Printing photographs by photostat is always a slight gamble, especially on the darker shots. The full process requires a plate to be made, which would obviously put the production costs up. Under the circumstances I feel that the photograph set the scene nicely although as our reader pointed out the quality was certainly not 100%.

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 . . .
Regular correspondent Paul Watson feels we could have made more of our behind the scenes feature on South East Sounds. -

"The main question was once the equipment was set up and the tape was running did you all go home, sit around keep an eye open, was it a rota system of guard duty or what? "

To answer your question as best we can the transmission team stay around the area of the site as the cassette tapes do not work completely automatically. Whilst the first hour tape was playing we went out and bought something to eat. The point on tape changing is not giving any security away, as it was whilst changing a tap that Ray Addams was caught during the DTI raid last summer.